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Independence Day Safety Message

1. On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress officially adopted the "unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America." We continue to celebrate our nation's Declaration of Independence every 4th of July, and we are reminded of the very freedoms that Service Members around the globe have given their lives to protect.
2. Many members of the USFK team will take advantage of this well deserved holiday weekend by spending time at home with family and friends, participating in various activities on-post, traveling around the Korean peninsula, or embarking on trips off-peninsula. Whatever your plans, I need you to keep safety at the forefront of your actions. We do not want this weekend ruined by a tragic accident.
3. Needless injuries and loss of life can be avoided if our personnel are aware of the hazards they may face during the holiday weekend and take proper precautions. Leaders, ensure your personnel avoid off-limits areas, political gatherings and demonstrations, and comply with the curfew. Look after one another and encourage the use of the "buddy system."
4. As we celebrate Independence Day, our goal is not to lose or injure a single Service Member, civilian, or family member due to an accident. Enjoy the well deserved rest you have earned, take care of yourselves, your families and each other during the holiday, and return safely.
5. We Go Together!

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